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IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TO INAUGURATE THE "PHOTOGRAPHY USA" EXHIBITION IN YOUR LOVELY CITY OF PLOIESTI. I FIND IT PARTICULARLY ENJOYABLE TO BE IN AN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREA THAT REMINDS ME IN MANY WAYS OF THE DISTRICT IN EASTERN KANSAS WHICH I REPRESENT IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BEFORE COMING HERE, I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THIS FAMED OIL PRODUCING REGION MAINTAINS ACTIVE BUSINESS TIES WITH THE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN MY COUNTRY, AND THAT A NEW AND MODERN TIRE FACTORY HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THIS AREA UNDER A JOINT ROMANIAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS VENTURE.

I BELIEVE THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHY USA EXHIBIT WHICH WE ARE OPENING TODAY HAS A GREAT DEAL OF RELEVANCE FOR ALL OF US. THE MANY FACETED APPLICATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PHOTOGRAPHY SEEN HERE CONSTITUTE NEW AREAS IN WHICH WE CAN SHARE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY. THERE EXIST IN SPACE-AGE PHOTOGRAPHY AREAS IN WHICH WE SHARE A MUTUAL INTEREST AND IN WHICH WE CAN COLLABORATE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PEOPLE.

A PRIME EXAMPLE IS THE EARTH RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY STATELLITE WHICH PROVIDES US WITH PHOTOS OF CROPS, LAND, RIVERS, AND OTHER

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GEOLOGICAL FEATURES.

THE USES OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN MEDICINE AND INDUSTRY ARE WELL ILLUSTRATED HERE AND ONE MUST REMEMBER THAT THESE ARE NEW AREAS IN WHICH PHOTOGRAPHY HAS BECOME PROMINENT. JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH NOW TAKE PLACE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN BENEFIT FROM THE NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES WHICH ARE DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THIS RESEARCH.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE WORKS OF AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS DISPLAYED HERE SHOW MUCH ABOUT MY COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE, AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE. IT IS REWARDING FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS WITH YOU.

PHOTOGRAPHY, I FEEL IS A VOICE OF HISTORY DOCUMENTING THE CONDITIONS AND EVENTS WHICH MARCH THROUGH MAN'S LIFE. IT IS A RELATIVELY NEW CREATIVE FIELD AND MANY OF ITS BEST TALENTS ARE STILL WITH US. AS A MEAND OF COMMUNICATION, PHOTOGRAPHY EXTENDS OUR RANGE OF VISION. TODAY'S PHOTOGRAPHERS GO FURTHER AND INTERPRET MORE DEEPLY WHAT THEY SEE LEAVING THE MARK OF THEIR PERSONALITY AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE PICTURES.

I FEEL THAT THE MESSAGES CONTAINED IN THE PHOTOS HERE ARE UNIVERSAL IN VALUE AND I AM SURE THAT BOTH OUR PEOPLES, UPON VIEWING THE PHOTOGRAPHS, WILL SHARE MANY OF THE FLEETING MOMENTS WHICH THE ARTISTS FELT.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THIS EXHIBIT WHICH IS BEING DISPLAYED HERE IN ROMANIA AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES -ROMANIAN SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WHICH WAS SIGNED IN BUCHAREST LAST DECEMBER. I SEE IT AS ONE MORE EXAMPLE DEMONSTRATING THE CONTINUING EXPANSION OF CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

ESPECIALLY, I WISH TO THANK ALL OF YOU IN PLOIESTI FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN PRESENTING THIS EXHIBIT IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PALACE OF CULTURE. WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUC.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO VISIT "PHOTOGRAPHY USA."  
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